

(5) Support provided by the USACE when accomplishing missions and responsibilities under the authority of section 701n of title 33, U.S.C. and Executive Order 12656.

(6) Assistance provided by DoD intelligence and counterintelligence components in accordance with DoD Directive 5240.01<sup>7</sup>, Executive Orders 12333 and 13388, DoD 5240.1–R<sup>8</sup>, and other applicable laws and regulations.

(7) Military community relations programs and activities administered by the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Public Affairs (see DoD Directive 5410.18<sup>9</sup> and DoD Instruction 5410.19<sup>10</sup>).

(8) Sensitive support in accordance with DoD Directive S–5210.36<sup>11</sup>.

(9) Activities performed by the Civil Air Patrol in support of civil authorities or qualifying entities when approved by the Air Force as auxiliary missions in accordance with section 9442 of title 10, U.S.C. and DoD 3025.1–M<sup>12</sup> except as restricted by §185.4(j) of this part.

(10) Innovative readiness training (formerly called “civil-military cooperative action programs”) (see DoD Directive 1100.20)<sup>13</sup>.

### § 185.3 Definitions.

*Civil Authorities.* See Joint Publication 1–02<sup>14</sup>.

*Civil Disturbances.* See Joint Publication 1–02.

*Defense Domestic Crisis Manager.* The lead DoD official responsible for DoD’s

domestic crisis management response, ensuring the information needs and other requirements of the Secretary of Defense are met, and developing, coordinating, and overseeing the implementation of DoD policy for crisis management to ensure DoD capability to develop and execute options to prevent, mitigate, or respond to a potential or actual domestic crisis. The Assistant Secretary of Defense for Homeland Defense and Americas’ Security Affairs (ASD(HD&ASA)) serves as the Defense Domestic Crisis Manager.

*Defense Support of Civil Authorities (DSCA).* Support provided by U.S. Federal military forces, DoD civilians, DoD contract personnel, DoD Component assets, and National Guard forces (when the Secretary of Defense, in coordination with the Governors of the affected States, elects and requests to use those forces in title 32, U.S.C., status) in response to requests for assistance from civil authorities for domestic emergencies, law enforcement support, and other domestic activities, or from qualifying entities for special events. Also known as civil support.

*Direct Liaison.* An authority for Federal military forces to consult with, coordinate with, and respond to State authorities (including National Guard units and personnel operating in Title 32 status or in State Active Duty status) or Federal civilian authorities in the tactical-level execution of assigned tasks, pursuant to an order by the Secretary of Defense or the President to provide support to those authorities.

*Emergency Authority.* A Federal military commander’s authority, in extraordinary emergency circumstances where prior authorization by the President is impossible and duly constituted local authorities are unable to control the situation, to engage temporarily in activities that are necessary to quell large-scale, unexpected civil disturbances because (1) such activities are necessary to prevent significant loss of life or wanton destruction of property and are necessary to restore governmental function and public order or (2) duly constituted Federal, State, or local authorities are unable or decline to provide adequate protection for Federal property or Federal governmental functions.

<sup>7</sup> Available by downloading at <http://www.dtic.mil/whs/directives/corres/pdf/524001p.pdf>.

<sup>8</sup> Available by downloading at <http://www.dtic.mil/whs/directives/corres/pdf/524001r.pdf>.

<sup>9</sup> Available by downloading at <http://www.dtic.mil/whs/directives/corres/pdf/541018p.pdf>.

<sup>10</sup> Available by downloading at <http://www.dtic.mil/whs/directives/corres/pdf/541019p.pdf>.

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<sup>12</sup> Available by downloading at <http://www.dtic.mil/whs/directives/corres/pdf/302501m.pdf>.

<sup>13</sup> Available by downloading at <http://www.dtic.mil/whs/directives/corres/pdf/110020p.pdf>.

<sup>14</sup> Available by downloading at [http://www.dtic.mil/doctrine/new\\_pubs/jp1\\_02.pdf](http://www.dtic.mil/doctrine/new_pubs/jp1_02.pdf).

## Office of the Secretary of Defense

## § 185.4

*Federal Military Forces.* Army, Navy, Marine Corps and Air Force personnel (including Reserve Component personnel) on Federal active duty and National Guard personnel when under Federal command and control.

*Immediate Response Authority.* A Federal military commander's, DoD Component Head's, and/or responsible DoD civilian official's authority temporarily to employ resources under their control, subject to any supplemental direction provided by higher headquarters, and provide those resources to save lives, prevent human suffering, or mitigate great property damage in response to a request for assistance from a civil authority, under imminently serious conditions when time does not permit approval from a higher authority within the United States. Immediate response authority does not permit actions that would subject civilians to the use of military power that is regulatory, prescriptive, proscriptive, or compulsory. State immediate response is addressed in §185.4(h) of this part.

*Qualifying Entity.* A non-Governmental organization to which the Department of Defense may provide assistance for special events by virtue of statute, regulation, policy, or other approval by the Secretary of Defense or his or her authorized designee.

*Responsible DoD Civilian.* For purposes of DSCA, the Head of a DoD Component or other DoD civilian official who has authority over DoD assets that may be used for a DSCA response.

*Special Event.* An international or domestic event, contest, activity, or meeting, which by its very nature, or by specific statutory or regulatory authority, may warrant security, safety, and/or other logistical support or assistance from the Department of Defense.

*Total Force.* See DoD Directive 1200.17<sup>15</sup>.

### § 185.4 Policy.

It is DoD policy that:

(a) This part shall be implemented consistent with national security objectives and military readiness.

(b) Unless expressly stated otherwise, the provisions of this part should not be construed to rescind any existing authorities of the Heads of DoD Components, commanders, and/or responsible DoD civilians to provide DSCA in accordance with existing laws, DoD issuances, and Secretary of Defense-approved orders.

(c) DSCA is initiated by a request for DoD assistance from civil authorities or qualifying entities or is authorized by the President or Secretary of Defense.

(d) All requests for DSCA shall be written, and shall include a commitment to reimburse the Department of Defense in accordance with the Stafford Act, Economy Act, or other authorities except requests for support for immediate response, and mutual or automatic aid, in accordance with §185.4(g) and (m) of this part. Unless approval authority is otherwise delegated by the Secretary of Defense, all DSCA requests shall be submitted to the office of the Executive Secretary of the Department of Defense. For assistance provided according to §185.4(g) of this part, civil authorities shall be informed that oral requests for assistance in an emergency must be followed by a written request that includes an offer to reimburse the Department of Defense at the earliest available opportunity. States also must reimburse the United States Treasury in accordance with section 9701 of title 31, U.S.C. Support may be provided on a non-reimbursable basis only if required by law or if both authorized by law and approved by the appropriate DoD official.

(e) All requests from civil authorities and qualifying entities for assistance shall be evaluated for:

- (1) Legality (compliance with laws).
- (2) Lethality (potential use of lethal force by or against DoD Forces).
- (3) Risk (safety of DoD Forces).
- (4) Cost (including the source of funding and the effect on the DoD budget).
- (5) Appropriateness (whether providing the requested support is in the interest of the Department).

<sup>15</sup> Available by downloading at <http://www.dtic.mil/whs/directives/corres/pdf/120017p.pdf>.